

are, indeed, prepared to listen and participate. And this is the important line. Once they are confident that nothing is being foisted upon them and that they are truly an equal partner in the process, we feel it will work. That's...you couldn't describe our situation more clearly than taking the reverse of that last line. When the people feel they have been honestly involved, honestly a part of the process, that nothing is being foisted upon them, they are an equal partner, you can site these type of facilities.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You can do it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, I would like to respond to a few of the things that have been said here this morning. When we talk about...Senator Johnson asked about what community...the definition of community is and what the definition of consent is, and I think that we have tried...we have tried to indicate that the definition of community, as defined by a group of US Ecology people, is actually the county. So we know that this is the definition of community in this particular case. Also, in this particular instance consent is determined, we think, by this legislation to determine the vote of the people. So, in other words, community consent means a vote of the people of Boyd County. There was also a promise made of community accord before this would be sited and there certainly is no accord in Boyd County, I can grant you that. It just hasn't happened. The nuclear waste facility, I don't believe, can be compared with a vote on whether you can put a road through an area or a power line or a buried gas line or a buried cable or even a prison, for that matter, because we're talking about an entirely different situation. We're talking about a facility that probably cannot be constructed with the amount of safety built in that we should have. I would like to also mention that we have had some...some milestones have been reached, one that we're going to reach, I think, that will call for a less amount of need for storage because there is a method now of reducing the nuclear waste that we're producing that it does reduce strontium 90 with a process called serax which is an extraction method for strontium 90, and strontium 90 is the one that was such a problem in Chernobyl and other places where they have had some of these accidents. So